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Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

## EDWARD WINGFIELD,

for the Secretary of State.

The High Commissioner

for South Africa.

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LISBON,

April 19th, 1897

My Lord,

The German and Portuguese Governments are negotiating a new Boundary Convention for the region of the Cunene, on the West Coast of Africa.

With reference to this subject, I have the honour to inclose a translation of an Extract published in the Diario de Noticias of the 15th instant.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H.G.Macdonell.

The Marquess of Salisbury K.G.

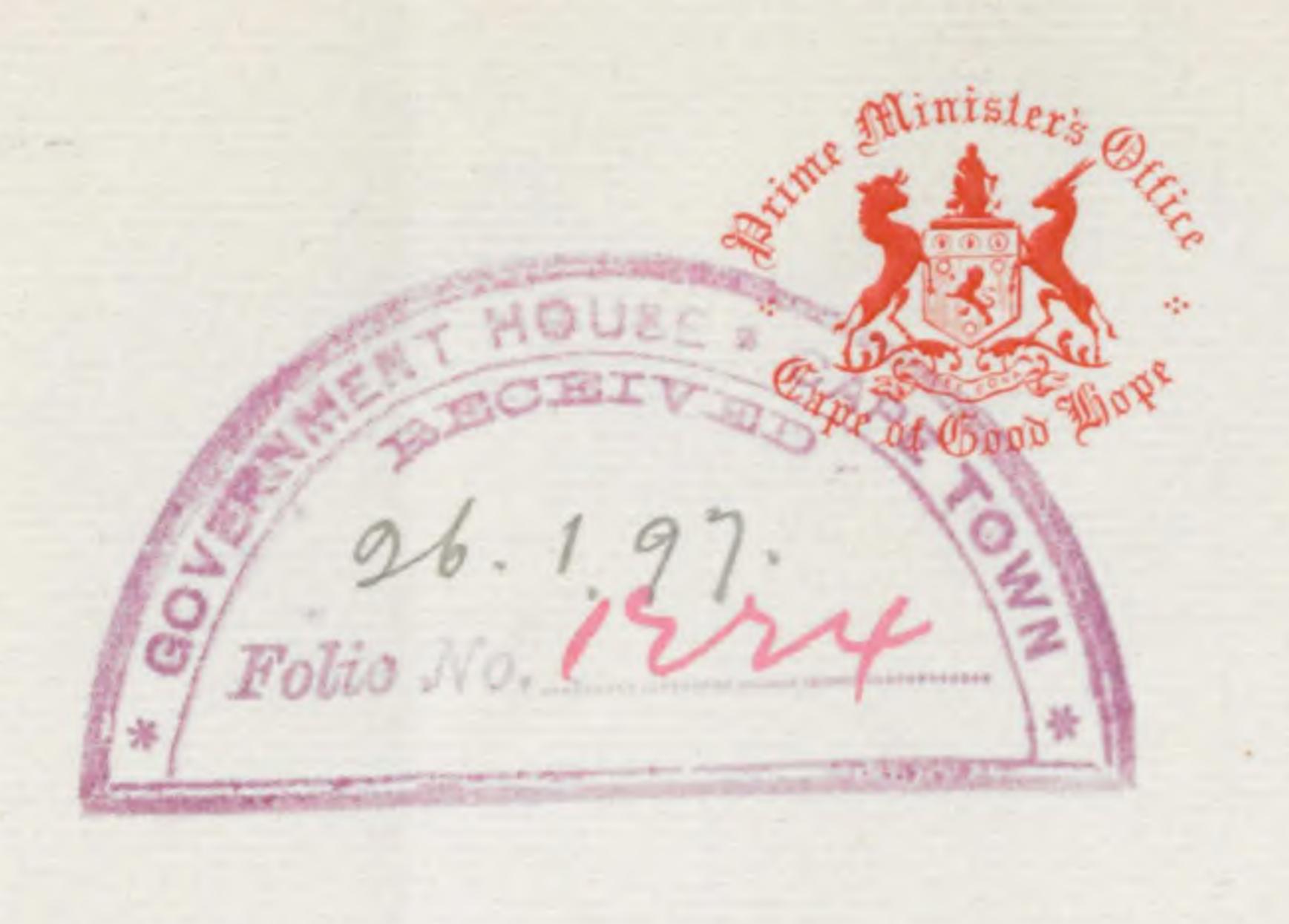
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From the Diario de Noticias of April 15th, 1897

When Senor Carlos Lobo d'Avila was Minister for Foreign Affairs Germany made a representation to the Portuguese Government complaining of the contraband trade in arms and ammunition carried on from the north to the south of Cunene into German Territory.

The Military Commandant of Humbe suggested to the Marine and Colonial Department the expediency of modifying the German frontier, a proposal was made to the German Government by the Minister for Foreign Affairs for the conclusion of a new boundary Treaty. The German Government at once accepted the proposal, and negotiations were initiated, and are still going on.



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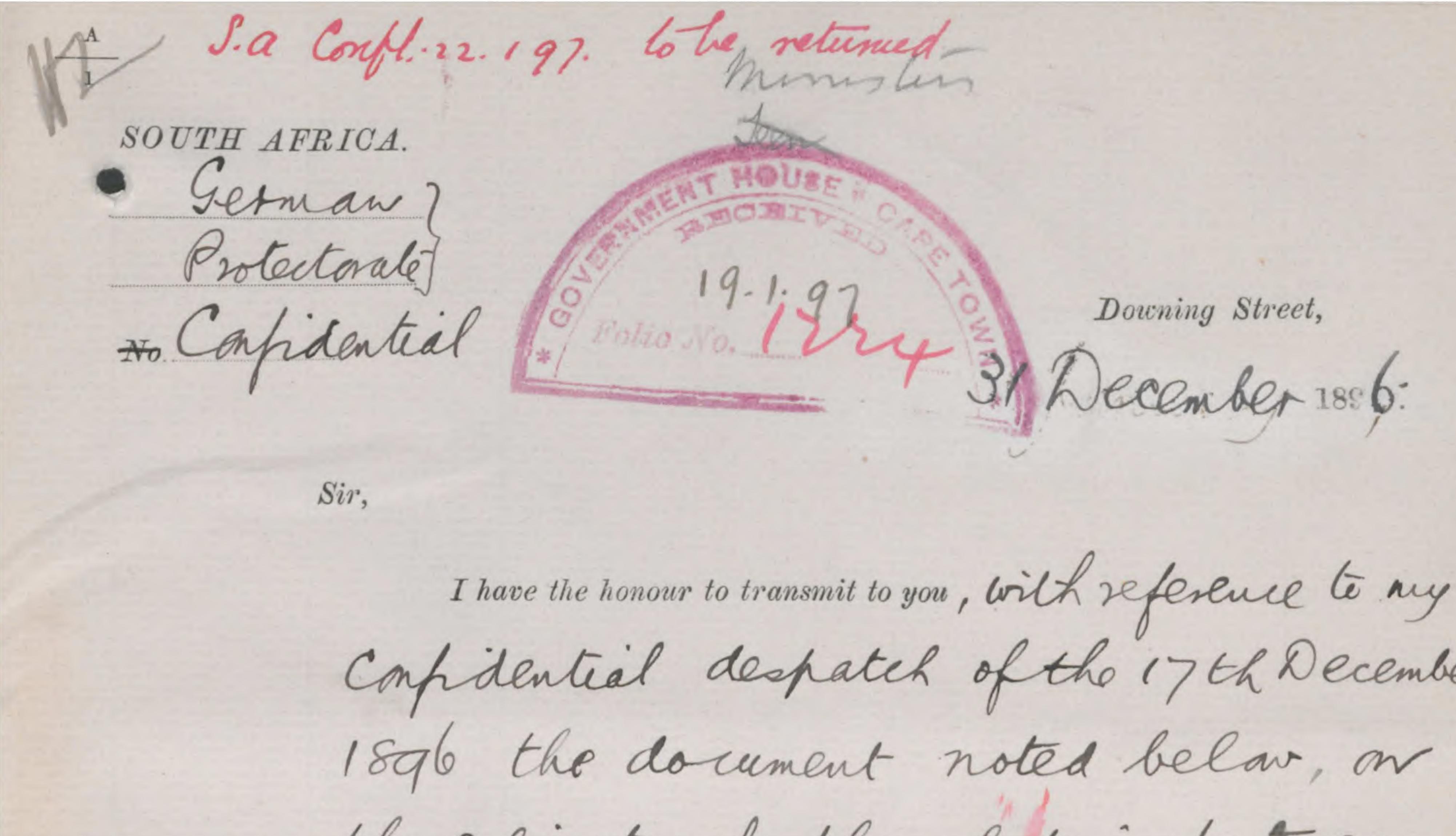
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I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient humble Servant,

R. H. MEADE,

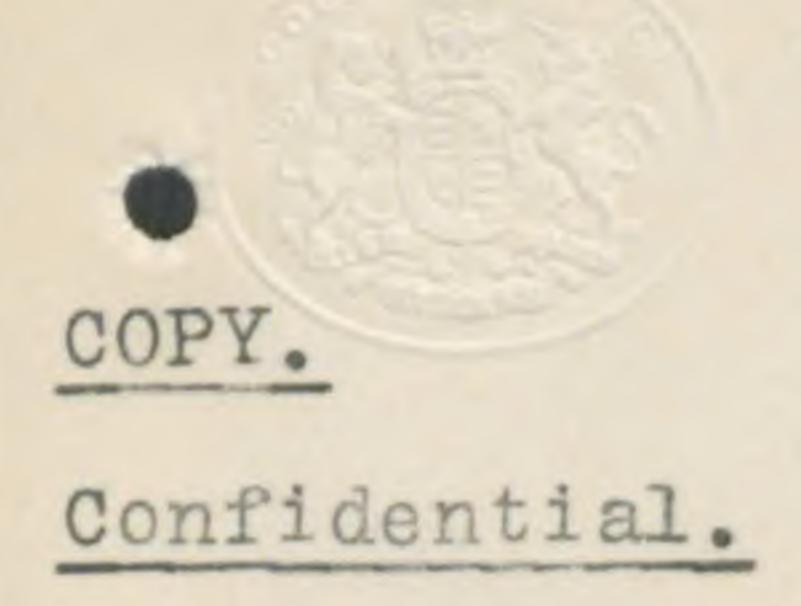
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Foreign Office,

December 23rd, 1896.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before
the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompany-

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ing copy of a despatch on the subject of the relations

between Portugal and Germany in South West Africa.

I am, &c;

(Sgd) Francis Bertie.

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office.



No.139.

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LJSBON.

December 9th 1896.

My Lord,

In my despatch No.129 Africa Confidential, of the 16th ultimo, I had the honour to inform your Lordship that in reply to a question on my part, M.de Soveral had energetically denied that any territorial differences were now existing between Portugal and Germany.

In its yesterday's issue, the "Secubo" newspaper published a lengthy article, distinctly asseverating that the Imperial Legation had recently presented
to the King's Government, a note calling for a rectification of the frontier at present recognized between
German South West Africa and the Province of Angola.

The writer of the article reviewed at length the history of the negotiations between Portugal and the Imperial Government from the first occupation of Angra Pequena in October 1884 down to the definitive understanding of December 31st 1886, according to which the frontier line between the two spheres of influence was to follow the course of the R.Cunene from its mouth to the cataracts to the South of Humbe, and subsequently

subsequently as further defined in the said treaty.

Now, he asserts, Germany has required a rectification of that line which will involve the addition to her territories of an extensive strip to the North of the Cunene, comprising the valuable possession of Tiger Bay.

The frontier would in that event almost reach the 16th parallel South, in lieu of the 18th, as originally claimed by Germany, or of 18. 24' for which Portugal had contested.

Denials by the Government, continued the writer, would be idle, in view of the fact that the cruizer "Vasco da Gama" was actually on the watch in Tiger Bay and that a considerable movement of Portuguese troops had taken place in the district.

It was to be hoped that the supineness of the Ministry would not result in a further outrage to Portugal fashioned after the move of the Kwnga affair.

The "Novidades" paper of last night published in its turn a vehement and categorical denial that any such note had passed between the two Governments, or that any foundation existed for any part of the story.

The remarkable element in this discussion lies in the circumstance that, whilst the "Novidades" is undoubtedly a Government organ, it is notorious that the "Secubo" under the mask of an opposition print, enjoys in reality an equal share of ministerial inspiration.

It is accordingly far from plain why such a duel

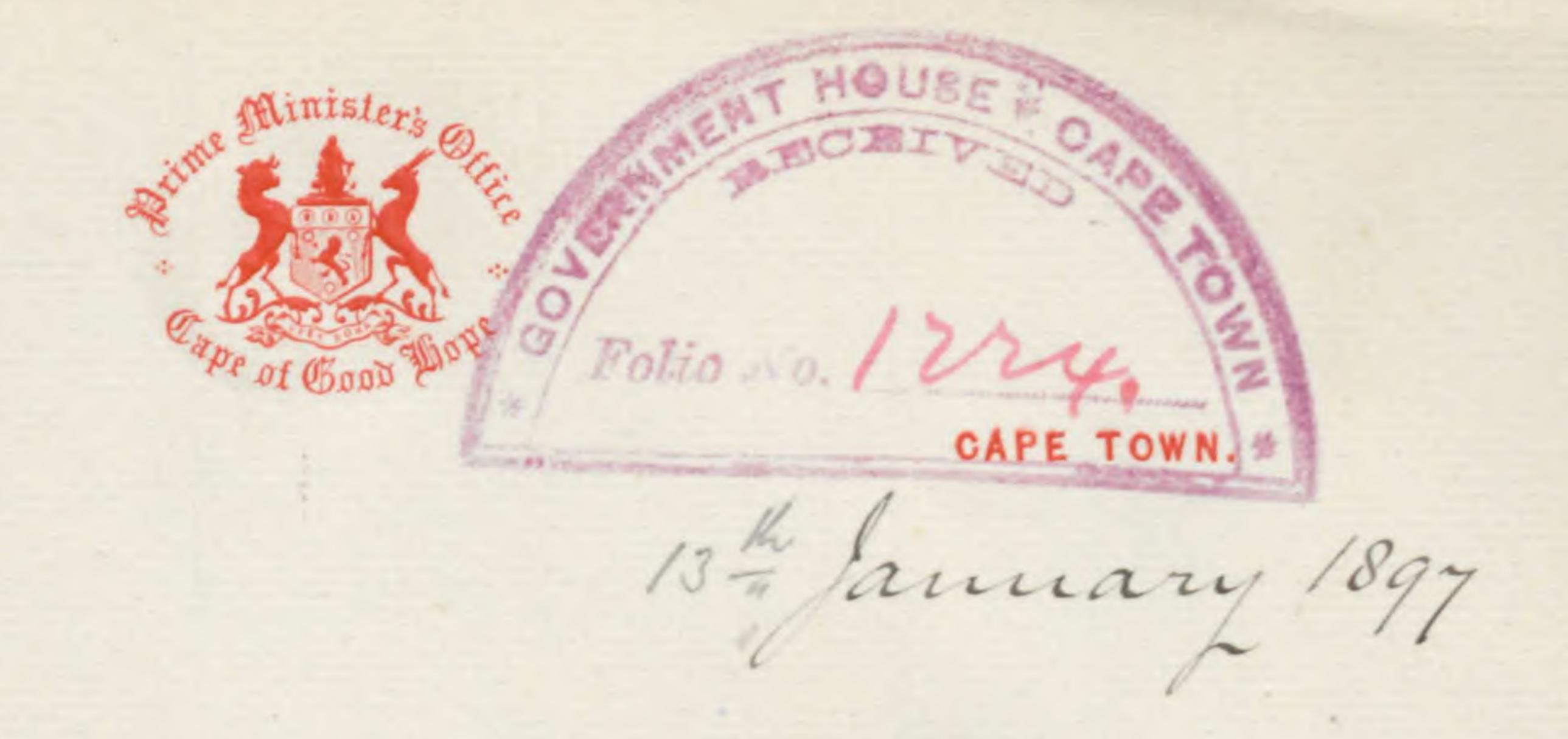
duel of words should be fomented at the present moment or what ulterior purpose underlies the whole debate.

I may add that the increasing ministerial sympathies of the "Secubo" have lately cost that paper the collaboration of some of the more prominent members of its staff.

I have, &cc.

(Sgd) H.G.Macdonell.

The Marquess of Salisbury, K.G.



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I December 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information,

with reference to my Confidential despatch of the

20th ultimo, copies of the documents noted

I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, with reference to my Confidential despatch of the 20th ultimo, copies of the documents noted below on the subject of the action of Germany at Tiger Bay, and this velations between latingal + Jenuary in aprice

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

R. H. MEADE,

for the Secretary of State.

The High Commissioner

for South Africa.

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No.32.

Her Majesty's Consulate, Saint Paul de Loanda, October 29th 1896.

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the Portuguese Naval Forces here on the Coast have been considerably increased by the arrival of the Vasco da Gama (Ironclad) Duque de Terceira (wooden corvette) and the Zambesi (composite gunboat) and from information I have gathered, this reinforcement is owing to the German Government's attempt to occupy Tiger Bay.

stantly, in and near the Bay, and I have been informed to-day that three Germans and a Portuguese had been there and hoisted the German flag, whether the Germans are civilians or not I am unable to find out at present but two of them escaped; and the other one together with the Portuguese (who I am informed is the master of the boat which took them there) are prisoners in Mossamedes. The excuse given by the prisoners was that they were on a hunting expedition. The Commander of the Portuguese gunboat "Douro" sent and took them prisoners and hauled the German flag down.

That the Germans are encroaching on what is said to be Portuguese territory at the Southern limit of Angola and some short distance inland, there seems

to be no doubt, and the Portuguese Government has sent a small military force to guard their supposed boundary.

It seems that the Germans have no seaport outlet for their possessions situated South of Angola, and are therefore trying to encroach upon what is claimed to be Portuguese territory, and I am informed that now there is always a gunboat stationed at Tiger Bay, to protect Portuguese interests.

I have &c.

(Sd.) A. NIGHTINGALE,

Acting Consul.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, for Foreign Affairs.



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## LISBON,

November 16th 1896.

My Lord,

been current here, and have been repeated in the press to the effect that intrigues were on foot by Germany in those parts of her African Possessions which border on Portuguese territory.

It was asserted in particular that the Imperial Government had demanded permission to land troops in Great Fish (Tiger) Bay for service in the north of Damaraland; that the Germans had instigated native revolts at Guanhama and Guamaty in Portuguese West Africa upon both of which places, as well as upon Tiger Bay itself, they had long cast covetous eyes; further that the Portuguese Government were not indisposed to hand over to Germany, at a price, the places named. It was also asserted that anxiety was felt by the Government with regard to German movements on the Rovuma boundary of Mozamibique.

In the course of a conversation with M.de Soveral on Saturday last, I alluded to these rumours, whereupon His Excellency assured me in the most positive terms that they were wholly devoid of foundation.

Never,

Never, His Excellency added, had the relations between Germany and Portugal been more thoroughly amicable. His conviction was that the Imperial Government having now satisfied themselves that England is genuinely desirous of maintaining the status quo in South Africa were prepared to adhere strictly to a like policy and that no further disturbance need be apprehended from their side.

I transmitted by telegraph to Your Lordship the same evening the substance of the above statement by M.de Soveral as also His Excellency's renewed assurance that every facility will be afforded for the landing at Beira of the Police Force from Cape Colony.

I may add that I took the same opportunity to quiet His Excellency's apprehensions with respect to the possible coincidence of the arrival of the police at Beira with the passage of Mr Rhodes through the same place.

I have &c.

(Sd.) H.G.MAC.DONELL.

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, K.G.,

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MAD CAPE TOWN.

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Minute

Ministers have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the Minute of His Excellency the Governor and High Commissioner Confidential, of the 15 justant, transmitting for their perusal a copy of a despatch which has been received from the Right Honourable the Secre: tary of State for the Colonies respecting the rumoured action

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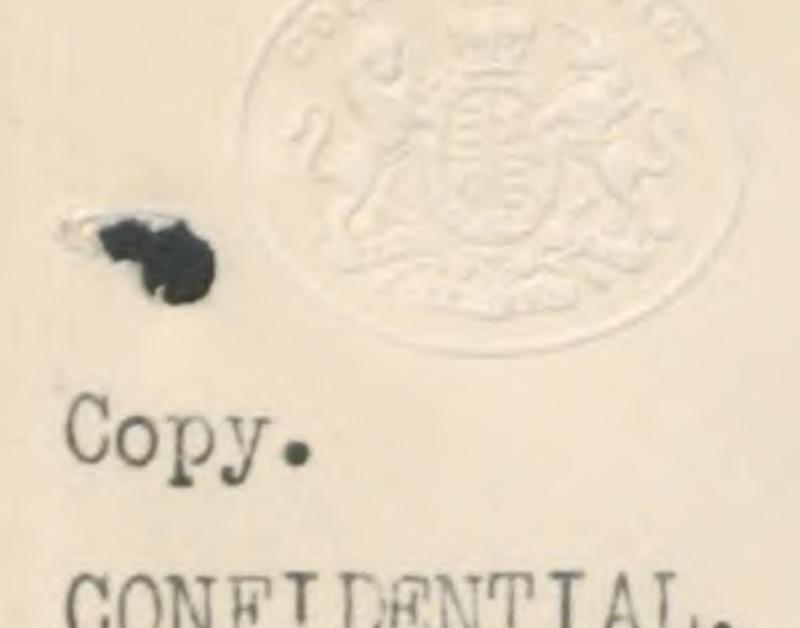
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Foreign Office,

10th November 1896.

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accompanying copy of a despatch on the subject of

rumoured action by Germany at Tiger Bay in West

Africa.

I am etc.,

(Signed) FRANCIS BERTIE.

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office.



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Lisbon,

27th October 1896.

My Lord,

It has lately been persistently reported in Lisbon that the German Government is endeavouring to stir up a question with Portugal regarding the "Bahia dos Tigres" or "Tiger Bay" at the southern extremity of the coast of Angola.

Several German warships are said to be cruising in those waters, and it is rumoured that the Governor of Mossamedes is concentrating a small force in the neighbourhood of Tiger Bay.

Various newspapers reproduce this report, and urge the Government to take the necessary precautions in order to prevent a "coup de main".

One of the Government organs recommends that advantage be taken of the present uncordial relations between England and Germany, to ward off the danger by the establishment of closer relations between Portugal and Great Britain.

Monsieur de Soveral denies the existence of a question with Germany on this or any other subject, but admits that some Portuguese gun vessels have proceeded to the spot in order to satisfy public opinion.

I have etc.,

(Signed) H.G. MacDonell.

The Marquess of Salisbury K.G.,

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